

Standing eight feet tall, by eight feet wide, and weighing 500 pounds, "United We Stand" encompasses the ideals of America's freedoms and liberties. The finished mosaic illustrates the talent and hard work supplied by each student and it serves as a marvelous addition to any art display. Near Ground Zero in New York City will be its final destination, and its new home will be in Desoto Elementary School. Earning its creators numerous awards, "United We Stand" has touched all who have the privilege of viewing its meaningful message.

Mr. Speaker, I honor Fruita Monument High School with sincerity because they have taken the time to honor the true heroes of our nation. Today, I recognize "United We Stand" as an inspiring work of art before this body of Congress and this nation. Additionally, I recognize its nine incredible artists as esteemed patriots to our nation. It is my hope that all may some day admire this mosaic and remember it as a memorial, created to honor those who gave their life for our country.

#### DRAGON BOAT RACING

### HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 21, 2002*

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, this Memorial Day weekend Washington will see the traditional Taiwanese sport of dragon boat racing right here on the Potomac River, featuring eight magnificent Taiwan-built dragon boats. Each boat is fully equipped with dragonhead and tail, paddles, steering oar and drum, and holds a crew of 23. Some 40 teams, including those from the D.C. Police Department, Harbor Patrol Officers, and congressional staff members will compete in the race on Saturday, May 25, and on Sunday, May 26, 2002. Prior to the start of the race, there will be a traditional opening ceremony at 11 a.m., on Saturday, May 25, at Georgetown's Thompson Boat Center. The opening ceremony will be highlighted by the dotting of the dragon's eye. Mayor Anthony Williams, Chairwoman Linda Cropp of the D.C. City Council, Representative C.J. Chen of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office and other community leaders will dot the dragon's eye, a ceremony to ensure good luck and fortune.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to see the Dragon Boat Festival Committee has put together such a wonderful dragon boat-racing program

this Memorial Day weekend. Dragon boat races are held around the world, particularly in Taiwan, Singapore, Hong Kong, and many other Asian countries. The race demonstrates wonderful team spirit, pageantry, and fun for people young and old. Coincidentally, this event celebrates Taiwanese American Heritage Week in the month of May. Furthermore, this event also shows the friendship of Taiwanese Americans for the people not only of Washington, DC, but of the entire Metropolitan area. Their sincere desire to introduce Taiwanese culture to American society must be acknowledged and appreciated. It is my hope that this dragon boat race will attract many more tourists to the Washington, DC, area.

My congratulations to the Dragon Boat Festival Committee. This is a unique opportunity for all of us to celebrate the Dragon Boat Festival and to learn about the many distinguishing aspects of Taiwanese culture and heritage.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO LYLE NICHOLS

### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 21, 2002*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Lyle Nichols of Clifton, Colorado. Lyle is an extraordinary individual who devotes countless hours to admiring and preserving life's beauties. Lyle is an exceptionally talented artist, and today I applaud the talents he adds to our community.

Lyle is an individual who collects assorted bird nests, and scrap debris he discovers. He is also an artist of many sculptures that are admirable in their magnificence. His collection is substantial in size and it grows continuously with every sculpture. These self-created masterpieces sit, kneel, and stand in and around his home, in particular a 14-ton statuette arching over his front lawn. Lyle is truly a talented individual, whose amazing talents have connected his passion for art to every individual who comes to admire his work.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my appreciation towards Lyle for allowing us the pleasure to admire his beautiful creations. It is with great honor I proudly recognize Lyle Nichols as an artist before this body of Congress and this nation. I commend Lyle's artistic abilities, and praise his contributions, which assist in enhancing his community's future.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO PETER COORS

### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 21, 2002*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the contributions and achievements of Peter H. Coors. As chairman of Coors Brewing Company and the President/CEO of Adolph Coors, he is a shining example of personal success and civic responsibility.

A native resident of Golden, Colorado, Peter, known as Pete, has continued to lead his family's brewery in a manner befitting its fine reputation. As the head of this company, Pete provides the leadership and vision needed to bring this family tradition into the twenty-first century. His positions on the boards of directors of companies like US Bancorp, Inc., H.J. Heinz Company, and the Energy Corporation of America are a reflection of the respect that Pete has earned from his colleagues. Pete is also a member of the International Chapter of the Young Presidents Organization. Pete is a true Coloradan in his business and in his nature: he can often be found outdoors appreciating the beauty and splendor of Colorado.

In addition to Pete's contributions to Colorado's economy, he has also given his time and energy to humanitarian causes as well. He is on the executive board of the Denver Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, a member of the National Western Stock Show Association executive committee, and a trustee for the Seeds of Hope Foundation. Pete, who has a MBA degree, knows the value of higher education and remains active as a trustee of the University of Northern Colorado and a member of Denver University Daniels School of Business' Advisory Board. Most importantly Pete is the husband of his wife Marilyn and is a father to his six children.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor and privilege to bring to light the excellence of Pete Coors to this body of Congress and this nation. In every aspect of his life Pete has excelled to the highest level of achievement. He has no doubt touched many lives through his civic work and leadership in our country and will continue to do so in the future. On behalf of this nation, thank you Pete for all that you have done and good luck in your future endeavors.